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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : NRO Staff

1. From time to time, we have discussed the staffing complement of the NRO, its functions, and the role CIA should play. I believe we are in accord with respect to this role. However, it is apparent that any ability to impact upon this area of our relationship with the NRO must emanate directly from the Deputy Director for Science and Technology, or as Director, CIA Reconnaissance Programs. Nominations of personnel to this Staff must be handled in the same manner to have any effect. In fact, the limited CIA staffing of this complement to date has been accomplished in this manner.

2. More recently a question has been raised regarding the imminent reassignment of certain of these personnel and finding suitable replacements. Of necessity, this must be handled and addressed at the DD/S&T level.

3. For purposes of administration, i.e., payroll, travel, budget, et cetera, these people are included under the OSP Table of Organization. Although we have no supervisory authority over these personnel, I firmly believe that because of this administrative function and our close coupling with the SOC wherein the majority of CIA personnel are located, the Air Force NRO Staff members consider these people an extension of OSP, and their effectiveness to aid or impact the NRO is lessened considerably.

4. For the above reasons, I believe it would be in the best interest of the Agency to have CIA personnel attached to the NRO Staff assigned for administrative purposes to the DD/S&T Staff in lieu of OSP.

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I think this action would serve to reduce the fears of Air Force personnel that OSP (an operational arm of the NRO) is penetrating the NRO Staff and also would provide for more direct control and administration by CIA of its personnel. If you concur in this recommendation, I will instruct my Personnel Officer to work out the necessary details with Mr. [REDACTED] at the earliest date.

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Director of Special Projects

CONCUR:

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For:

(Signature)

**Deputy Director for Science
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*Both DD/S&T and Ex. Dir. have
approved as of this date.
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